

Application Number 10/643,309
Responsive to Restriction Requirement mailed August 30, 2005

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 6, 16, 19, 28-31, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 55 and 56. Applicants have also canceled claims 2, 5 and 8, and added new claims 57-59. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9-20 and 22-59 are pending, with claims 9-15, 22-27 and 34-45 being withdrawn due to restriction, as will be described in greater detail below. The new claims added are supported by the original disclosure and no new matter has been added.

Restriction Under 35 U.S.C. § 121

In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted claims 1-56 under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

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| Group I. | Claims 1-15, |
| Group II. | Claims 16-27, |
| Group III | Claims 28-45, |
| Group IV | Claims 46-54, and |
| Group V | Claims 55-56. |

Applicants elect Group IV without traverse.

Applicants have amended claims in the non-elected Groups such that claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 16-20, 28-33, 55 and 56 from the non-elected Groups depend from either claim 46 or claim 54 in the elected Group. Accordingly, claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 16-20, 28-33, 55 and 56 are not withdrawn in response to the Restriction Requirement. Claims 9-15, 22-27 and 34-45 are withdrawn in response to the Restriction Requirement. New claims 57-59 also depend from claim 54 in the elected Group. Claims 2, 5, 8 and 21 have been canceled in either the current or prior paper filed by Applicants.

CONCLUSION

All claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims. Please charge any

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additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-1778. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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